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SUBJ: GRENADA ESTABLISHES DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH PRC

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1. ACCORDING TO LOCAL PRESS REPORTS, GRENADA AND THE PEOPLE'S
REPUBLIC OF CHINA HAVE ESTABLISHED DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AT THE
AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL. THE PRESS REPORTS, BASED ON NEW CHINA NEWS
AGENCY RELEASE, INDICATED THAT A JOINT COMMUNIQUE ESTABLISHING
TIES BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES WAS SIGNED IN NEW YORK ON
OCTOBER 10 BY HUANG HUA, CHINESE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE
UNITED NATIONS, AND MICHAEL A. CAESAR, GRENADA'S DEPUTY PERMAN-
ENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UN (ALSO GRENADA'S MINISTER FOR CARRI-
ACOU AFFAIRS). THE COMMUNIQUE CARRIED THE PREFERRED PRC PHRASE-
OLGY RE TAIWAN: "THE GOVERNMENT OF GRENADA RECOGNIZES THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA AS THE SOLE LAWFUL
GOVERNMENT OF CHINA AND ACKNOWLEDGES THAT TAIWAN IS AN INALIEN-
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ABLE PART OF THE CHINESE TERRITORY."

2. COMMENT: IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT, DURING RECENT MEETING WITH USG OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON REPORTED REFTEL, GRENADIAN PM GAIRY HINTED THAT PRC HAD MADE OVERTURES TO GOG AND ALSO THREATENED TO "GO ELSEWHERE" FOR AID IF USG TURNED HIM DOWN. HIS DECISION TO ESTABLISH RELATIONS WITH PRC THUS VERY LIKELY MOTIVATED BY HOPE OF CHINESE AID AND PERHAPS ALSO BY PIQUE AT USG. IT WILL NOT BE POPULAR WITH STRONGLY ROMAN CATHOLIC PEASANTS WHO MAKE UP THE BULK OF GAIRY'S POLITICAL SUPPORTERS BUT IS HARDLY OF SUFFICIENT IMPORTANCE TO THEM TO CAUSE A DECLINE IN THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE PM. ALTHOUGH PRC IS THE FIRST COMMUNIST COUNTRY WITH WHICH GRENADA HAS ESTABLISHED RELATIONS, WE DO NOT SEE THIS MOVE AS ANY INDICATION OF GOG RELATIONS WITH COMMUNIST COUNTRIES GENERALLY.

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